



2026 NICHOLAS COUNTY POTATO FESTIVAL TEEN AND QUEEN PAGEANT

Saturday July 25, 2026

Summersville Arena and Conference Center

Queen (16-21) \$75.00 | Teen (13-15) \$50.00

\$10.00 Discount if Postmarked by July 11, 2026

FINAL DEADLINE IS JULY 18, 2026

Welcome to the Nicholas County Potato Festival Pageant. We are excited that you have considered participating in our pageant. Our winners will receive a crown, sash, crown pin, cash prize, and a nice gift package, and more. The teen and queen will reign over the 2026 Nicholas County Potato Festival which will be held in September in Summersville, WV. The queen will represent the Nicholas County Potato Festival at the 2027 WV Association of Fairs and Festivals pageant in January 2027 in Charleston.

Judging Criteria and Clothing Information:

- **Rehearsal:** Clothing can be casual. Wear whatever makes you comfortable. You may wear comfortable shoes, but may bring the shoes you will be wearing on stage, if you wish during actual competition.
- **Personal Interview:** Both teen and queen will appear before the judges in panel style. You will sit in front of the judges and be asked various questions from your personal information page. The interview will be 3 minutes long. This is your chance to impress the judges with your opinions, ability to communicate, and overall sense of self. Wear whatever you feel would be appropriate for an interview, have fun, but no jeans, pant suits are acceptable and please be age appropriate.
- **Cocktail/Fun Fashion:** Both teens and queens will compete. Any color, any style, and pant suits are acceptable. Have fun.
- **Evening Gown:** You will need one evening gown. Choose your best color and one that will look great on stage. No single detail of the gown, makeup, or hair should be left out.
- **On-Stage Question:** Queen and teen will both have on-stage questions.

****NOTE:** If you have any facial piercings or visible tattoos (such as neck or arm) we highly recommend that you remove the piercings or cover up the tattoos during the pageant.

Any Questions Please Contact:

Director Angie Kesecker: 304-619-5160—or through Facebook

Leatha Preast: 304-673-6973—or through Facebook

Pageant Rules and Regulations

1. Queen pageant contestants must be 16 by the date of the pageant, July 25, 2026, and must not have reached her 22nd birthday by January 1, 2027.
2. Teen Queen contestants must be 13-15 on the day of the pageant.
3. Contestants may not be a daughter, sister or granddaughter or relative of any member of the Potato Festival board.
4. Contestants must be single, and the Queen and Teen Queen must remain single through her reign.
5. Contestants must be a resident of West Virginia, and the Queen and Teen Queen must remain a West Virginia resident throughout her reign.
6. Contestants may not be expecting or have given birth to a child.
7. Vital statistics of contestants, other than height, hair color and color of eyes will be eliminated.
8. The contestant selected as Queen must agree to represent only the Nicholas County Potato Festival during her reign. She must be willing to represent the festival at other Fairs and Festivals and related activities throughout the year as the official representative.
9. The contestant selected as Teen Queen must agree to represent only the Nicholas County Potato Festival during her reign. She must be willing to represent the festival at other Fairs and Festivals and related activities throughout the year as the official Festival representative.
10. Contestants may not be a former title holder of the Nicholas County Potato Festival Teen Queen or Queen Pageant.
11. Contestants must be of good moral character and have not been convicted of a crime.

If chosen as Miss Nicholas County Potato Festival Queen or Teen Queen, I hereby promise and agree to uphold my title as stated in the rules and regulations. If I do not uphold my title, I agree as determined by the pageant committee to relinquish my title and winnings to the 1st runner up, who will then assume my duties and honors as Queen.

Furthermore, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the Nicholas County Potato Festival Board, Summersville Arena and Conference center, the town of Summersville, and all of their agents, employees, and related officials for and from any liability relating to any loss, injury or damage to my person including death to my property which may occur as a result of participation in the Nicholas County Potato Festival Queen or Teen Queen Pageant.

The Nicholas County Festival prohibits discrimination in its program based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability and another protected class or basis. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs).

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

2026 Nicholas County Potato Festival Teen and Queen Pageant Application

TEEN 13-15

QUEEN 16-21

Name _____ **Birth Date** _____

Age _____ **Phone (_____)** _____ **E-Mail** _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **Grade** _____

School _____

Color of Hair _____ **Color of Eyes** _____ **Height** _____

Favorite Food _____

Three words that best describe you: _____

Most unique thing about yourself:

Hobbies _____

School & Community Activities & Awards

Future Ambitions _____

Entry Fee: Queen: \$75.00 - Teen: \$50.00

Early Bird deadline for both pageants is July 11, 2026; a \$10.00 discount will be applied if the application is postmarked by July 11, 2026. The final entry deadline is July 18, 2026. The pageant will be held on July 25, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center. All West Virginia residents are eligible to compete.

Please return: Your application, a 5x7 photo and the entry fee to: Nicholas County Potato Festival, 5 Woodside Drive, Summersville, WV 26651. Make checks payable to the City of Summersville. You can also Venmo the entry fee to @Angela-Kesecker or email photo to akesecker@hotmail.com.

I hereby release the Nicholas County Potato Festival, its directors, officers, agents and employers from any physical injury or loss of personal items before, during and after the event, and agree to indemnify and hold the Nicholas County Potato Festival harmless for such injury or loss. I also agree that the JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL. The rules and regulations are attached. PLEASE SIGN BOTH SHEETS.

CONTESTANT

DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE